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Nathaniel Holman

Quincy Benbow

Pallbearers

Lance Bennett
Jason Franklin

Julian Bowman
Brian McCrimmon

Marcus Bowman
John Rivers III

Floral Bearers

Deaconesses and Missionary Society of Union Baptist Church

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. and Mrs. Layton, Jr. and Virginia Riley Cofield, are eternally grateful for your expressions of love and support. Thank you for your acts of kindness, which will endure in our hearts forever. As we express our gratitude to God for putting these two wonderful people in our lives, we also give thanks for family and friends like you. May God keep us all in his loving care forever. Sincere appreciation to the staff of The Bridge at Lawrenceville Assistant Living Home Staff, Northside Hospital Gwinnett, PruittHealth Homecare and Personal Care Assistant Dorrette Mckenzie.

~The Cofield Family

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A Service of Remembrance

Monday, March 10, 2025 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Union Baptist Church
1800 Germany Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. Yancy C. Martin, Sr., Pastor



Prelude.....Mr. Michael Felton
Processional
Hymn of Praise..... “The Lord is My Light and My Salvation”.....Chancel Choir
Old Testament.....Psalm 23.....Reverend Eddie Jones
New Testament.....I Corinthians 15:51-58.....Reverend Henry L. Edmonds, Jr.
Prayer.....Reverend Yancy C. Martin, Sr.
Sonata.....Ms. Chandler McIntosh, Former Piano Student
Musical Selection.....“Order My Steps”.....Ms. Martisha Chatman, Vocalist
Reflections..... (Three Minutes, Please).....Mrs. Barbara Bailey, Childhood Friend and Soror
Mrs. Martay F. Monroe, Sunday School Superintendent
Deacon William Witherspoon, Deacons Ministry
Solo.....“Take It All Out of My Life”.....Mrs. Tawanna M. Bennett
Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Yancy C. Martin, Sr.
Solo.....“His Eye Is On the Sparrow”.....Reverend Lynn S. Merchinson
Recessional..... “I’m Free”.....Mr. Terry Scott, Vocalist
Postlude

Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens
2603 Two Notch Road
Columbia, South Carolina

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I’m not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn’t cry the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn’t get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
and each time you think of me, I know you’ll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand

The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above
And that I’d have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But when I walked through Heaven’s gate, I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me from His great golden throne.

He said, “This is eternity and all I’ve promised you.”
Today my life on earth is past, but here it starts anew

I promise no tomorrow but today will always last
And since each day’s the same day, there’s no longing for the past.

So, when tomorrow starts without me, don’t think we’re far apart,
For every time, you think of me, I’m right there in your hear.

Memories



Obituary of Mrs. Virginia Ann Riley Cofield (August 26, 1937 – February 27, 2025)

Mrs. Virginia Ann Riley Cofield, daughter of the late Harry Riley and Viola Wilson Riley, was born on August 26, 1937, in Columbia, South Carolina. On Thursday, February 27, 2025, at Northside Gwinnett Hospital, Lawrenceville, Georgia, God in His infinite wisdom called her to rest from her journey here on earth. Virginia was the oldest of four siblings, one of whom preceded her in death (Harriett Riley).

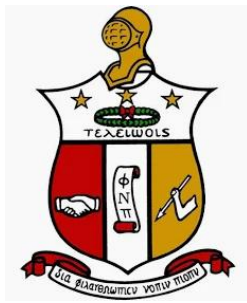
Mrs. Cofield was a graduate of C. A. Johnson High School Class of 1955. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Education and Choral Directing from Benedict College, a Master of Education Degree with emphasis on Remedial Reading and additional work in Music Theory and Choral arrangement from the University of South Carolina. She started piano training at the age of seven. Mrs. Cofield taught piano to young people throughout the city of Columbia and surrounding areas for over sixty years!

Mrs. Cofield began her career as a music educator at Elizabeth Heights High School, Great Falls, South Carolina. She also taught at Webber Elementary, Ridgewood Elementary and South Kilbourne Schools. Her career continued in Richland School District One as a classroom teacher, music teacher, choral director, and Chapter One Reading Laboratory teacher at the elementary level. She was voted Teacher of the Year 1987-1988 by her peers at South Kilbourne Elementary School. After thirty years of dedicated service, she retired from the district while at South Kilbourne Elementary School. After retirement she was a part-time music instructor for five years at V. V. Reid Elementary School.

She was a life member of Union Baptist Church and baptized at an early age by the late Reverend Lincoln C. Jenkins. She served in various capacities and was recognized on numerous occasions. She was a Deaconess, Sunday School Superintendent, Youth Choir Director, Children Choir's Director, Matron's Club, President, Vice President, Missionary Society and Vacation Bible School Director. She was also a member of the Chancel Choir, Mother's Board, Pastor Pulpit Aid, and Education Ministry. Mrs. Cofield was Woman of the year in 2008. Her other affiliations were: Golden Life Member Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Red Hat Society - Les Chapeaux Rouge Chapter, Life Member - NEA, SCEA, and RCEA, Marquis Who's Who of American Women 2006-2007, Life Member of NAACP, and Member of Benedict College Alumni Club #2.

Additional interests were collecting elephants, musical paraphernalia, Black Art, and President Barack Obama collector items, shopping for the latest fashions, reading biographies and religious books (especially the Holy Bible and the Sunday School lessons), writing short stories for children (emphasizing reading comprehension), but most of all witnessing for Christ.

Virginia leaves to cherish her memory: two children, Dwayne E. (Lessie) Cofield and D'Jaris C. (Nathaniel) Holman; one brother, Richard Wendell (Tommie) Riley; one sister, Evangeline R. Rice; grandchildren, Lauren Ashely Cofield and Jonathan Tyler Cofield; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, loving, and caring friends.



Obituary
of
Mr. Layton Cofield, Jr.
(January 16, 1936 – March 5, 2025)



Mr. Layton Cofield, Jr was born on January 16, 1936, in Lillington, N.C. to the late William Layton Cofield and Willie Mae McIver Cofield. Mr. Cofield was the youngest of four children born into this union. He was predeceased by his parents and three siblings, William, Everett Lee, and Willie Hazel. Layton departed life on March 5, 2025.

Layton Cofield, Jr. was educated in Harnett County and Cumberland County schools graduating from E. E. Smith High School in Fayetteville, NC. Upon graduating high school, Mr. Cofield entered the United States Army where he served as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division during the Korean Conflict. After receiving an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, Layton worked at the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital in Columbia, SC as a nursing assistant. While working at the VA Hospital he earned an associate's degree from Palmer College and a bachelor's degree from Benedict College.

Mr. Cofield worked at the VA Hospital for 35 years and retired in 1992. After retiring, he spent much of his time sharing his cooking passion with others. He also maintained a pristinely manicured lawn for which he was awarded "Yard of the Month" several times by the Standish Acres Neighborhood Association. Layton also helped care for people who required assistance with their daily living activities.

Layton Cofield, Jr. was a faithful and longtime member of Union Baptist Church where he served as a member of the Board of Trustees and Deacon Board. He also was a member of the Townsmen Club, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc, Columbia Alumni Chapter, a Life Member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and a member of Benedict College Alumni Club #2.

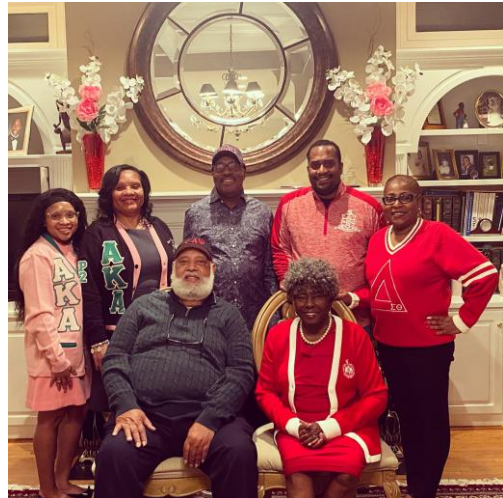
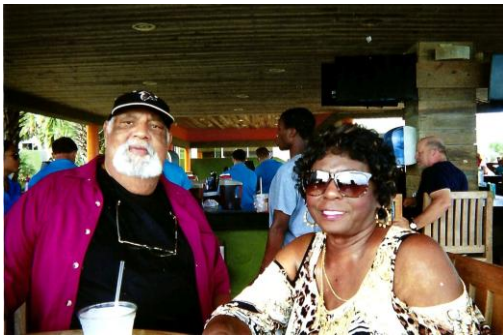
On December 23, 1957, Layton Cofield, Jr. married Virginia Ann Riley, and they shared 67 years of marriage until each transitioned to be with the Lord. Mr. and Mrs. Cofield are the proud parents of two adult children: Dwayne E. (Lessie) Cofield, D'Jaris C. (Nathaniel) Holman. Their grandchildren are Lauren Ashley Cofield and Jonathan "Jay" Tyler Cofield.

Layton Cofield, Jr., is survived by his children, grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other family members.

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